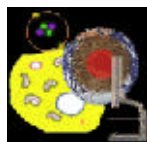
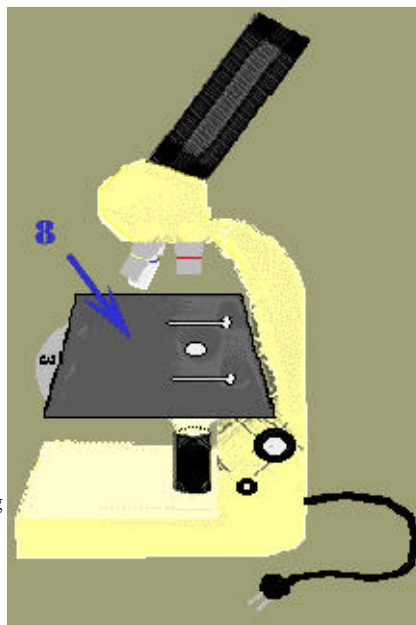




1. eyepiece-where you look through to see the image of your specimen.
2. body tube-the long tube that holds the eyepiece and connects it to the objectives.
3. nosepiece-the rotating part of the microscope at the bottom of the body tube; it holds the objectives.
4. objective lenses-(low, medium, high, oil immersion) the microscope may have 2, 3 or more objectives attached to the nosepiece; they vary in length (the shortest is the lowest power or magnification; the longest is the highest power or magnification).
5. arm-part of the microscope that you carry the microscope with.
6. coarse adjustment knob-large, round knob on the side of the microscope used for focusing the specimen; it may move either the stage or the upper part of the microscope.
7. fine adjustment knob-small, round knob on the side of the microscope used to fine-tune the focus of your specimen after using the coarse adjustment knob.
8. stage-large, flat area under the objectives; it has a hole in it (see aperture) that allows light through; the specimen/slide is placed on the stage for viewing.
9. stage clips-shiny, clips on top of the stage which hold the slide in place.
10. aperture-the hole in the stage that allows light through for better viewing of the specimen.
11. diaphragm-controls the amount of light going through the aperture.
12. light or mirror-source of light usually found near the base of the microscope; the light source makes the specimen easier to see.



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